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# MINUTES.

## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Banner, Miss., Wednesday, October 1st, 1902. The Calhoun Baptist Association met this day with the churh at Banner, Calhoun county, Miss. The Association was called to order by G. W. Riley, the former moderator, with prayer by Elder H. L. Finley. Call for church letters and A. A. Bruner and W. H. Reid appointed reading clerks. The names of messengers present were enrolled as follows:

AIR MOUNT—Lula Ligon and W. R. Howell.
ANTIOCH (Calhoun County)—J. L. Roane, P. C. Davis, L. Malone.
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BANNER—E. A. Johnson, J. H. Gore P. Q. Edwards.
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DRIVER'S FLAT—M. H. Martin.
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SAREPTA—G W Riley, W H Reid.
SHIRLY RIDGE—J T Dye.
SPRING CREEK—James Hendrix, Joseph Gaines, A J Gaines.
TURKEY CREEK—V A Crew, J F Williams, P G Cobb.

After the letters were read, on motion and second the association suspended business for preaching, the introductory sermon delivered by the appointee, Elder S. E. Wallace Theme: "Christ, the Wonderful Counsellor"—Isaiah IX-6. Adjourned one hour for refreshments. Prayer by G. W. Riley.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Lee Linder. The association proceeded to the election of officers, by ballot. Elder H. L. Finley and J. L. Johnson appointed tellers. The following brethren were elected officers: Lee Linder, Moderator; R. H. Cruthirds, Clerk; A. A. Bruner. Treasurer. On motion and second the former order of business adopted.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Called to order.
2—Call for and reading of church letters.
3—The election of officers.
4—Call for pettionary letters.
5—Appointment of committees.
6—Report of committees.
7—Motions and resolutions.

Corresponding delegates called for, and H. L. Finley reported as representative of the Baptist State Convention Board. D. F. Hodge as correspondent from Chickasaw association. H. L. Johnson as correspondent from Oxford association. J. J.

Gibson, Dr. E. S. Ellzey and R. D. Coleman as correspondents from tne Chickasaw association.

Devotional committee: M. D. L. Howell, J. J. Adams with pastor and deacons of church.

On motion the association dispensed with preaching at night and hold night session for business.

On motion the association to meet at 8.30 a. m., half hour devotional service, adjourn at 11 a. m. for preaching, meet at 1 p. m, adjourn at 4 p. m., meet at 7 p. m., adjourn at will.

Report of committees called for.

The report on Foreign missions was presented and read by E. A. Johnson; discussed by A. T. Smith, G. W. Riley, H L. Finley, A. A. Bruner and T. H. Smith. Report adopted as read and amended.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Giving the gospel to the world was the last command Christ ever gave to his deciples. We notice in the last report that it said, giving the gospel to the world was a divinely appointed privilege. It is more than a privilege. It is a divine command and is equally binding on all christians alike, both rich and poor. Each member of the Baptist church should contribute to the cause of missions according to his ability. If each member would pay just one dollar it would raise the amount to twenty-five hundred and seventy-five dollars. The last report of the treasurer shows that we only paid for all objects $290.16. Brethren, this is a shame. We ought to do better or deny being missionary Baptist. The great trouble is that there are so many of us that don't pay anything. The Lord said to the people in John xiv chapter and xv verse, "If you love me keep my commandments"; and in the 23rd verse of the same chapter he says, "If a man love me he will keep my words". Giving the gospel to every creature is the words of our blessed savior and James said, "Show me thy faith without thy works and I will show you my faith by my works".

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Johnson, for Banner Church.

Association adjourned till 7:30 p. m. with prayer by H. L. Johnson.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order by moderator with prayer by D. F. Hoyle.

On motion the report on publications was read from minutes of last meeting. Discussed by J. J. Gibson, G. W. Riley, T. H. Smith, H. L. Finley, S. E. Wallace, A. A. Bruner and H. L. Johnson. Report adopted as read.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications would beg leave to report the following: It is a fact that goes without saying that what one knows is that which one learns and no more. The more we learn, the more we know; the less we learn, the less we know. Since we know it as we learn it, let it be right or wrong. This rule holds good in religion as in everything else. We who have children under our charge are very careful to keep anything of a poisonous nature that would be calculated to produce death of even injury out of their reach, and to give them something healthy and nourishing in its stead. Then if we are so careful about their daily welfare, about their mental and spiritual safety, and to provide for them mental and spiritual food that would cause them to grow up in a manner that would be for their good in this life, and that which is to come. Our young people are going to read something, and if we do not provide it for them they will provide it for themselves, and if left to them to provide it, it will as a rule be of the most trashy nature. Therefore we should be careful to place before them the very best books and papers that we can procure. Your committee would recommend that every Baptist family in this association subscribe for the following named papers: First, the Bible; second, The Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss.; then the Homefield, published at Atlanta, Ga.; the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.;

Kind Words and the Orphan's Gem. The last two named are for the little folks.

Association adjourned till Thursday morning at 8:30 a. m.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 8:30 a. m. Devotional services conducted by J. L. Roane. Association called to order by the moderator.

On motion and second the moderator was authorized to appoint a committee on state of religion. Committee, J. F. McKibben, W. T. Ward and Henry Hardin. The report on prohibition called, for presented and read by J. F. McKibben, discussed by J. F. McKibben, J. L. Roane, W. T. Ward, A. J. Gaines, E. A. Johnson, J. J. Gibson, Lee Linder and G. W. Riley. Report adopted as read and amended.

## REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

It has fallen to my lot to say a few words on the subject of whiskey drinking with regard to intoxication, such as whiskey, beer, wine and other beverages. To be a prohibitionist is to be a total abstainer. This is the only true, genuine and christian prohibiton which is spoken of in Ephs. 5th chapter and 18th verse, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit". This is not the spirit of the fruit nor grain, but the spirit of the one true and living God. By reference to recent statistics it is shown that two hundred and sixteen times more money is spent yearly for malt liquors than for Foreign Missions. So many once peaceful and happy homes are now the wrecks of shame and misery, occasioned by the indulgence of the wicked and sin cursed drinking. Widows are counted by scores and orphans by the hundreds as a result ot intemperance. So many of the so called christians are often seen wending their way to some beer or whiskey stand or some other beverage resort from early morning till late at night, and yet are claiming to be holding up the light by which sinners might see their way to God. Dear

Christians, let us be and let us do as Prov. 23rd chapter 31st verse says, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in a cup, when it goeth down smoothly, let us beware, for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder". Let us pray for those who have lost all that is dear to them and for those that have not yet fallen into the grog shop habit. Grant our Heavenly Father that they may remember wine is a mocker. Strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. RESOLUTION.—Whereas it is so frequently stated that a number of our church members participate in moderate dram drinking and it being so detrimental to the cause of Christ, Therefore be it resolved that our churches discipline their members that will not desist form this evil practice.

Respectfully submitted,
Concord Church.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Report on Sabbath Schools presented and read by W. A. Patterson, discussed by W. A. Patterson, Henry Hardin. Adjourned for preaching. Sermon by D. F. Hoyle: text, Malachi 4th chapter and 2nd verse.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the moderator with prayer by J. F. McKibben. The discussion on Sabbath Schools continued by J. F. McKibben, H. L. Johnson, J. J. Gibson, A. J. Gaines and J. J. Adams. Report adopted as read.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, report as follows: We see from the reports of churches and minutes of our association there are but few Sunday Schools and the interest on that line of work is not so good as we would like to see. It has been truthfully said, "Youth is the seed time of life". So we are commanded to "bring up our children in the nature and admonition of the Lord". We think our churches are neglecting one of the most important duties we owe to our children and that is not providing them with good literature and going

with them to Sunday School. The scriptures abundantly teach by precept and example that it is our indispensable duty to teach our children the word of God. We are persuaded to think if our churches would take hold of work with a Godly zeal our membership would be greater the next associational year than ever before. Therefore it is the duty of all parents and church members to teach the Bible to their children and all others who may in anyway be thrown under their care is plainly set forth in the scriptures.—Deut. 31:12-13. Now if it was the duty of Isreal to teach their children, who were a type of the true spiritual Israel, is it not our duty to teach ours.—2nd Tim. 3:14-15. Paul says, "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them, and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,
Poplar Springs Church.

## REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME.

Report on Orphans Home presented and read by G. W. Riley and discussed by G. W. Riley, W. T. Ward, H. L. Johnson and H. L. Finley. Report adopted and a collection of twelve dollars and sixty cents taken up for home.

The Orphans Home is now five years old and is no longer an experiment, but is a permanent fixture under the supervision of a board of trustees, consisting of eighteen brethren appointed by the Baptist state convention. L. S. Foster Superintendent. The first contribution ever made for the Home was one dollar contributed by Miss Lou Moore. Now the property and fixtures is worth $34,000. There is now 64 children in the Home. It costs about five dollars per month to support and care for each child and there is no appropriation from the state as endowment fund. Therefore Bro. Foster is dependent upon God through the people for their daily support, thereforh we would urge church and individual member

to make a contribution for their support and each family to take the Orphanage Gem and thereby inform themselves.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. Riley,
W. T. Ward, } Committee.
I. J. Rhodes,

## REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

Repor on home and state misssons presented and read by J. J. Adams. Discussed by J. J. Gibson, T. H. Smith, H. L. Finley, Terry Box, G. W. Riley, H. L. Johnson and Lee Linder. Report adopted as read.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: Sending the gospel to destitute places is a divinely appointed privelege and duty of all christians. Hence the organization of the home and state board gives a chanel through which we can reach those destitute of the gospel. Through the workings of said board we stand today as Baptist with 674 missionaries, 1,757 missionary stations, with an aditional memship of last year 8,150 baptised, 9,051 by letter. Receipts in cash $98,950.29, an increase of $12,45.60 over previous years, and other special gifts increase the amount to $100,450.28 and in adition 24,459.47 in boxes sent missionaries, contributions from our grand old state to said board for the last conventional year $4,465.39, an increase over previous year $366 and in addition 1,006.20 in boxes sent to missionaries, and increase over previous year $189.92, and in the cooperation work of said board our state has received $2000. The conviction of all thinking baptist is that this board has a field second to none in importance. Its field of opeartion is ever becoming larger, more important and more difficult as emigration increases and towns and cities multiply, more especially is this true in our be loved state. Our governor has signed more charters for corpora tions in the past year than for the two years previous, perhaps, which means the investment of capitol, great influx of people, the building of towns and cities; therefore the necessity of

building churches and missionary stations is and will be greater than ever before in our state, and if there was ever a time in the history of Mississippi Baptist to be on the alert it is now. Brethren, let us not withhold that which the Father has given in our charge, but let us be ever zealous in effort and in our means to carry the world for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. Adams,
J. H. Hardin, } Committee.
J. A. Clements,

Whereas there is a fund of $24 accumulated from a surplus of minute fund, therefore be it resolved that we appropriate it to the Orphans Home, and that the treasurer be authorized to pay it to Bro. Foster.

Association adjourned till Friday morning 8:30 a. m. with prayer by Terry Box.

## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 8:30 a. m. Devotional service conducted by A. A. Bruner. Association called to order by the moderator. The minutes of the two preceeding days were read. Adopted as read.

## REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The report on state of religion called for, presented and read by J. F. McKibben. Discussed by J. J. Gibson, G. W. Riley, J. F. McKibben and W. T. Ward. Report adopted as read.

We your Committee on State of Religion, would beg leave to report the following: That the state of religion is climbing to a higher plane of elevation and that God is so wonderfully blessing the fruit of labors in so many ways whereof we are glad. Our state board at the last convention reported free from debt, and God is giving us a great ingathering of saved souls. We find at our mission station alone that a little strug-

ling band of consecrated men and women with some help from the board erected a home of worship at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. As it drew near to completion its pastor began to prepare for a meeting. Pastor McComb went to his help, the Holy Spirit was present in great power and one hundred and eighty four were added to the church, lifting from a state of dependency to independency. They have been able since to have full time service and to pay for it themselves. They have also paid back to the cause of missions all that we spent on them. Brethren, in as much as the Lord is hearing and answering our prayers in sending men with means to build homes for our orphans and rewarding our labors and money in the spread of the gospel to a lost and dying world let us be encouraged to lay hold with all the energy and zeal that we can command to do greater things for God, and expect greater things from God. Let us pray God to enable us to teach the word of eternal truth which is sharper than a two edged sword, and may we all know that it does teach that a man must be born again, born from above, born of God, and the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth and that He is going to judge the world by one man Christ Jesus and they that believe and trust in him shall be saved and they that believe not shall be damed, and to be damed is to be hurled into hell with all the nations that forget God.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. McKibben,
W. T. Ward, } Committee.
Henry Hardin,

## REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND EDUCATION.

Report on Mississippi College and education presented and read by W. H. Reid. Discussed by W. H. Reid, E. A. Johnson and D. F. Spradling. Report adopted as read. Mississippi College is a Baptist institution,owned and controlled by the Missionary Baptist of the state, and as such has grown and prospered for fifty two years. Previous to last year its endow-

ment was only a little more than forty thousand dollars, but through the efforts of its noble president, Rev. W. T. Lowry, it is now more than one hundred thousand dollars. The graduates of Mississippi College, as to their intellectual attainments are equal to those of any college in the South, and the religious and moral influences of the college is unsurpassed. Realizing that a person is but half educated when the mind is educated, Mississippi College gives strict attention to the education of the religious and moral faculties of its pupils, that when they leave its doors they may be fully prepared for the duties of both church and state. We don't believe it absolutely necessary for every minister to have a collegiate education in order to have a pure gospel, yet we unreservedly believe in an educated ministry. We believe that the gospel can be more rapidly and more successfully planted, in places where it is not, through an educated ministry, and as other denominations are educating their ministers, and Baptist, as we believe, represent the purest gem in the constellation, therefore it is much more necessary that we have an educated ministry in order that the gospel as we understand it may be successfully and firmly planted among the nations of the earth. A plant cannot live without nourishment, neither can a denominational institution of learning thrive without the support of its denomination, therefore it behooves us as Baptists to support Mississippi College with our means and with our patronage. We strongly believe in an educated ministry and so we strongly believe in an educated laity, therefore we recommend a revival of education among Baptist.

W. H. Reid, for Sarepta Church.

On motion association dispensed with preaching at 11 a. m. and continue the business of the association.

On motion the association reconsidered the action of dispensing with preaching and adjourned for preaching. Sermon by Elder T. H. Smith—text: John 14th chapter 1st and 2nd verses. Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

## FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the moderator with prayer by G. W. Riley. Report on pastoral support called for and presented and read by T. H. Smith. Discussed by E. A. Johnson. Report adopted as read.

## REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee to whom the above named subject was referred would beg leave to report as follows: Your committee is of the opinion that in order to get at this subject properly that it is necessary to show some of the things that the pastor should do before we come to discuss the duty of the churches in supporting these pastors. The word pastor is a scriptural term and is used in both old and new testaments to designate an officer in the house of God. The first place that we find it is Jer. 3:15 and reads thus "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding". First, these pastors shall be according to God's heart, or if you will have it another way, his choice, which agrees with what Paul says, "no man taketh this honor to himself but he that is called of God as was Aaron". Now there is another kind of pastors spoken of in Jer. 10:12 with altogether a different character, which is thus described, "For their pastors have become brutish and they have not sought the Lord, therefore they shall not prosper and all their flocks shall be scattered". Here we notice are two distinct characters of pastors or preachers described. One will teach the people wisdom and knowledge, and the other one will have his flock scattered. The cause is apparent. The words pastor and shepherd are synonymous terms i. e. mean the same. Now if we accept the position that Shepherd is the same as pastor we can at once come to the proper understanding as to the du-

ty of the pastor, and at once the church's duty will be made known. Let us for a moment glance at the old time shepherd as he goes among the flock looking after the weakly, sick or lame. See him as he walks before the sheep leading them in the green pastures where they may eat and be satisfied. See how he loves the sheep and the sheep loves him. He feeds the sheep and the sheep feeds him. Now if the Shepherd failed to give his flock proper attention they would grow poor and would scatter and the fleece would be thin and short, and the Shepherd's part would be quite small. Then we would ask who is to blame, the Shepherd or the sheep? Undoubtedly the Shepherd is at fault. If a pastor does not preach missions, charity and pastoral support this work will soon stop. If the pastor does not preach to his people the grace of giving there will be few who will take any interest in church work and the church and pastor will both suffer. In Acts 20:27-28 Paul says, "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood". From the foregoing scriptures one can come to no other conclusion than that the main cause of failure on the part of the church to support their pastor is in fault of the pastors in not feeding them with the truth. Nevertheless, if there is a member in the church who has the ability to give to the support of the gospel, and after having been properly instructed and still positively refuses to bare any part in the support of the church, your committee believes the church should withdraw from that one.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Roane, Chairman Committee.

On motion report on woman's work was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes and that an annual report be made.

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Report on woman's work presented and read by Miss Tyna Pate. As the Woman's Missionary Society of Elam church is the only organized society within the bounds of the Calhoun association, we beg leave to submit the following report, praying that it may stimulate the women of the other churches to arouse themselves to a full sense of their duty: With surprise and regret we note the fact that even a report on woman's work was entirely left out of the minutes of last year's association, therefore we would very earnestly urge the expansion of woman's work to the utmost within scriptural limitations, believing that it will result in great good to the christian women themselves to the churches of which they are members and to the world. From the words of the evangelist Luke we learn that it is the purpose of the Master that christian women shall be permitted to place their loving contributions of service upon His alter. We read that "It came to pass afterward that he went throughout every city and village preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God, and the twelve were with him, and certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities which ministered unto him of their substance"—Luke 8:1-3. There should be in our opinion a woman's missionary socieiy in every Baptist church if at all practicable and their work should be regarded as a part of the individual church. We would therefore urge every pastor in this association to instruct and encourage the ladies of their churches in the organization of this noble work of God. They will be found to be the right arm of the pastor's power in church work. Remember the injunction already mentioned and do not fail to encourage the women who labor with you in the Lord. Should the ladies of any of the churches in this association desire to become workers in the Master's vineyard and will kindly write our worthy vice president, Mrs. A. A. Bruner, Coffeeville, Miss. she will gladly come and organize and instruct them, also furnish them with necessary literature.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Elam church was organized on Nov. 5, 1901 with nine names, but has increased during the year to eighteen, and while we are yet weak in number we are strong in the belief that God has graciously blessed our efforts and we are encouraged and by the grace of Him whose glory we seek. We are looking forward to the attainment of greater things still in the Master's work. We meet once a month for business, and oftener if our work requires it. We pay ten cents per month as regular dues. Each member pays an offering the first regular meeting after her birthday. Our work has been principally, so far, that of quilt making, for which we find ready sale. From the proceeds of our first work (the quilt fund) 25 cents was apportioned to each member as capital and with a promise that we would use our spare momens for six months to the making or doing something that would increase the fund and the report of that work at our meeting September 9th has exceeded our expectations, thereby proving the old adage "where there's a will there's a way", and as we (the ladies of this society) have agreed to furnish the inside of the new church that is now being built at Elam. We have a chain of letters out as a means of aiding us in the church furnishing fund which we trust will be helpful to us, notwithstanding the long and serious drouth of this year and two short crops previous to this. We find that God can and will bless His people if their hearts are willing and they will only work and trust Him. Our work has not only been a labor of love and pleasure, but we are encouraged and more willing to work. With our dues offerings and other contributions we have in the treasury $77.65, besides giving this year to Missions $7.50, making a total of $85.15. We send Miss Tyna Pate as delegate, praying that she may be tendered the privilege of representing this work to the ladies attending this association.

Respectfully submitted,

Woman's Missionary Society, Elam Church.

Report on nominations called for. Presented and read by J. A. Powell, Report adopted as read.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, report as follows: The next Association to meet with Gaston Springs church, Calhoun county, three miles east of Pittsboro. Time: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, after the 4th Sunday in September, 1903. Introductory sermon by Eld. G. W. Riley. J. F. McKibben alternate.

## COMMITTEES.

Home and State Missions, Mt. Comfort; Sunday Schools, Banner; Is it the duties of church members to support their pastor? Pittsboro; Prohibition, Elam; Mississippi College and Education, Poplar Springs; Orphans Home, Macedonia; Woman's Work, Sarepta.

### PROGRAM OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

To be held with Mount Comfort Church, Calhoun County. Time: On Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in November, 1902. 1st—Introductory sermon, T. H. Smith. Theme: What Baptists have done for the world. 2nd—The duties of parents to their children, W. T. Ward. 3rd—What is the church's duty to its moderate dram-drinking members, A. T. Smith. 4th—What is the duties of the pastor to his church and of the church to the pastor, L. M. Howell. 5th—What ought to be done with our church members who are able and that will not help defray the expenses of their church, W. H. Reid.

PROGRAM of the Fifth Sunday Meeting, to be held with Mt. Tabor church, Saturday and Sunday, beginning Saturday at 9 o'clock, before the Fifth Sunday in May, A. D., 1903. Rev. J. L. Roane to preach the Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock Saturday.

SUBJECT: 1st—Duties of deacons, J. A. Killingsworth. 2nd—Are pastors responsible for the small salaries received for their work, J. D. Morgan. 3rd—Pastors duties to Sunday Schools in their churches, A. A. Bruner. 4th—Duties of S. S. Superintendent, J. H. Hardin. 5th—Duties and obligations

of S. S. Teachers, W. H Reid. 6th—Duties and obligations of parents to S. S., J. F. McKibben, 7th—When and how often should the Lord's Supper be observed, T. H. Smith. 8th—Why should Baptists contribute to Missions, G. W. Riley. 9th—Should Baptists encourage Womans' Missionary Society, Lee Linder.

We, your committee on nominations, would recommend M. D. L. Howell, J. F. McKibben and E. A. Johnson as the Executive Board. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Powell,
A. T. Smith,
J. N. Bryant.

Report on Finance called for. Presented and read by E. A. Johnson. Report adopted as read.

Report of Treasurer called for. Presented and read by A. A. Bruner. Report adopted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Cash on hand last Report | $133 07 | |
| Paid A. V. Rowe, S. M., | | $10 00 |
| Paid R. J. Willingham, F. M., | | 75 00 |
| Paid F. M. McConnell, H. M., | | 24 81 |
| Paid L. S. Foster, Orphanage, | | 23 26 |
| Total | 133 07 | 133 07 |

MISSIONS.

Received from—

| | |
|---|---|
| Elam church | 17 25 |
| Elam Sunday School | 6 26 |
| Elam W. M. Society | 7 50 |
| Poplar Springs church | 18 00 |
| Concord church | 14 00 |
| Macedonia church | 13 00 |
| Mt. Comfort church | 5 55 |
| Meridian church | 5 00 |

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| Rocky Mount church | 2 00 | |
| Gaston Springs church | 9 00 | |
| Pittsboro church | 12 00 | |
| Turkey Creek church | 7 25 | |
| Mt. Tabor church | 10 00 | |
| Sarepta church | 7 00 | |
| Spring Creek church | 3 00 | |
| New Prospect church | 6 00 | |
| Old Town church | 5 40 | |
| Banner church | 17 00 | |
| Hopewell (Pontotoc county) | 1 50 | |
| Antioch (Calhoun county) | 6 95 | |
| New Liberty | 5 75 | |
| Air Mount | 4 15 | |
| A. J. Gaines | 2 00 | |
| Providence church | 2 00 | |
| Shirley Ridge church | 1 00 | |
| Pleasant Grove church | 2 60 | |
| Duncan Hill church | 5 00 | |
| Liberty church | 5 00 | |
| London Hill church | 5 00 | |
| Pine Grove church | 2 30 | |
| Pilgrim's Rest church | 8 25 | |
| B. F. Lindsey | 25 | |
| Driver's Flat | 2 50 | |
| Paid to F. M. Board | | 23 00 |
| Paid S. M. Board | | 30 00 |
| Paid S. S. Board | | 6 26 |
| Postage | | 17 |
| Cash on hand | | 159 73 |
| | 219 16 | 219 16 |

## ORPHANAGE.

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|---|---|
| New Prospect | 7 75 |
| Macedonia | 3 00 |
| Elam church | 1 00 |
| Elam Sunday School | 1 65 |

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|---|---|---|
| Concord church | 1 00 | |
| Poplar Springs church | 1 25 | |
| Sarepta church | 5 35 | |
| Mt. Comfort church | 3 15 | |
| Gaston Springs church | 1 25 | |
| Hopewell (Pontotoc county) | 3 00 | |
| Banner church | 3 65 | |
| Public collection | 12 60 | |
| Minute Fund | 24 00 | |
| Paid L. S. Foster | | 21 25 |
| Cash on hand | | 47 25 |
| | 68 50 | 68 50 |

BIBLE FUND.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Elam Sunday School | 1 95 | |
| Paid S. S. Board | | 1 95 |

POOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pittsboro | 8 00 | 8 00 |
| Grand Total Collected | 297 06 | |
| Grand Total paid out | | 90 93 |
| Grand Total cash on hand | | 206 13 |
| | 297 06 | 297 06 |

A. A. BRUNER, Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1st. Resolved that the thanks of this body is hereby tendered to the Banner church and community for their hospitality during the sitting of this association.

2nd. Whereas two churches in our association—namely, New Liberty and Hopewell (Pontotoc county) and all other churches under similar circumstances who are retaining in their membership persons who are liveng in adultery, having put away their wives for reasons other than those given in the scriptures, Math. 19:9, and marrying again. Therefore the as-

sociation demands that the said churches discipline said members according to the scriptures or appear before the next meeting of the association and give reasons why they should not be excluded from the association.

3rd. Whereas we have a number of old ministers in the bounds of the state convention who have worn themselves out preaching the gospel, therefore, be it resolved that the churches be requested to send up to the next association a small contribution to be applied to the support of such ministers.

4th. Resolved that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

5th. STANDING RESOLUTION. Resolved that any member of this association who is present at the meeting of any association with whom we correspond is authorized to act as correspondent from this body upon the presentation of a minute or other evidence of good standing.

On motion Bro. J. A. Powell elected to represent the association at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion Bros. J. F. McKibben, G. W. Riley, Lee Linder and A. A. Bruner were elected as delegates to the State Baptist Convention.

APPORTIONMENT OF MISSION MONEY MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The churches to contribute to Home and State Missions, Foreign Missions or Orphan's Home, as they prefer and it shall be so used

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|---|---|---|---|
| AIR MOUNT | $15 00 | ANTIOCH (Calhoun Co.) | $5 00 |
| BANNER | 20 00 | ANTIOCH (Lafayett Co.) | 5 00 |
| CONCORD | 15 00 | DIVIDING RIDGE | 5 00 |
| DRIVERS FLAT | 5 00 | DUNCAN HILL | 5 00 |
| ELAM | 20 00 | FRIENDSHIP | 8 00 |
| GASTON SPRINGS | 15 50 | HOPEWELL (Pontotoc Co.) | 5 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| HEBRON | 10 00 | HOPEWELL (Yalobusha Co) | 5 00 |
| LONDON HILL | 5 00 | LIBERTY | 5 00 |
| MACEDONIA | 16 00 | MERIDIAN | 5 00 |
| MT. COMFORT | 10 00 | MT. MORIAH | 8 00 |
| MT. TABOR | 10 00 | NEW PROSPECT | 6 00 |
| NEW LIBERTY | 12 50 | OLD TOWN | 7 50 |
| POPLAR SPRINGS | 18 00 | PITTSBORO | 20 00 |
| PINE GROVE | 5 00 | PILGRIMS REST (Calhoun) | 7 50 |
| PLEASANT RIDGE | 5 00 | PILGRIMS REST Yalobusha) | 5 00 |
| PROVIDENCE | 10 00 | PLEASANT GROVE | 5 00 |
| ROCKY MOUNT | 10 00 | SAREPTA | 10 00 |
| SHIRLY RIDGE | 5 00 | SPRING CREEK | 10 00 |
| TURKEY CREEK | 15 00 | | |

After singing a hymn and taking the parting hand the association adjourned to meet with Gaston Springs church, three miles east of Pittsboro Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in September 1903. Prayer by T. H. Smith.

LEE LINDER, Moderator.
R. H. CRUTHIRDS, Clerk.

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| Churches. | Cou |
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| Air Mount.... | Yal |
| Antioch..... | Call |
| Antioch..... | Laf |
| Banner..... | Call |
| Concord..... | Call |
| Drivers Flat. . | Laf |
| Dividing Ridge | Yal |
| Duncan Hill.. | Calh |
| Elam ..... | Yal |
| Friendship.... | Calh |
| Gaston Springs | Calh |
| Hopewell..... | Pon |
| Hopewell..... | Yal |
| Hebron ..... | Pon |
| London Hill.. | Laf |
| Liberty..... | Pon |
| Macedonia.... | Calh |
| Meridian..... | |
| Mt. Comfort.. | |
| Mt. Moriah.... | |
| Mt. Tabor.... | |
| New Prospect. | Chic |
| New Liberty.. | Calh |
| Old Town.... | |
| Poplar Springs. | |
| Pittsboro ..... | |
| Pine Grove... | Yal |
| Pilgrims Rest.. | |
| Pilgrims Rest... | Calh |
| Pleasant Grove | Chic |
| Pleasant Ridge | Calh |
| Providence .. | |
| Rocky Mount.. | |
| Sarepta ..... | |
| Shirley Ridge | |
| Spring Creek.. | |
| Turkey Creek | |

Total baptised 2
bership, 2798.

# STATISTICAL TABLE CALHOUN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

| Churches. | County. | Post Office | Pastor. | Church Clerk. | Day of Meeting. | Baptised | Received by Letter | Dismissed by Letter | Restored | Excluded | Died | Total | Pastor's Salary | Value C'h property | Seating Capacity | Paid for Minutes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Air Mount.... | Yalobusha | Air Mount | R. C. Blailock | J A Shannon | | | 3 | 3 | | 4 | 1 | 44 | 36.10 | $400 | | $ 60 |
| Antioch..... | Calhoun | Banner | J L. Roane | S Harris | | 8 | 2 | | | | 1 | 66 | | | | 75 |
| Antioch..... | Lafayette | Sarepta | | | | | | | | | | 18 | | | | |
| Banner..... | Calhoun | Banner | J. J. Gibson | L M Howell | 1 | | | 6 | | | | 64 | 55.00 | 500 | 400 | 1 40 |
| Concord..... | Calhoun | Ellard | J. F. McKibben | G L Stribbling | 3 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 113 | | | | 1 60 |
| Drivers Flat. . | Lafayette | Paris | James Hendrix | W M Martin | 1 | 15 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 2 | | 60 | | | | 25 |
| Dividing Ridge | Yalobusha | Youngs | | | | | | | | | | 75 | | | | |
| Duncan Hill.. | Calhoun | Derma | S. E. Wallace | O L Alexander | 1 | 4 | 7 | | 1 | 2 | | 41 | 35.00 | | | 40 |
| Elam ..... | Yalobusha | Coffeeville | J. L. Roane | H P Pate | | 14 | 11 | 10 | | | 1 | 99 | 60 00 | | | 1 23 |
| Friendship.... | Calhoun | Ellzey | | | | | | | | | | 76 | | | | |
| Gaston Springs | Calhoun | Pittsboro | J. L. Roane | W A Pilgreen | 4 | | 9 | 11 | | 2 | | 105 | 40.00 | 175 | | 1 40 |
| Hopewell..... | Pontotoc | Buckhorn | J. L. Roberts | A C Young | 4 | 1 | 7 | 3 | | 3 | 1 | 57 | | 300 | 400 | 1 25 |
| Hopewell..... | Yalobusha | Velma | J. C. Brandon | W H Evans | 3 | 2 | 6 | | | 1 | | 41 | | | | 85 |
| Hebron ..... | Pontotoc | Randolph | | | | | | | | | | 150 | | | | 60 |
| London Hill.. | Lafayette | Delay | T. H. Winter | C W Hodge | 4 | 16 | | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 68 | | | | |
| Liberty..... | Pontotoc | Randoph | E. McGregor | C V Grubbs | 3 | 41 | 22 | 3 | | | | 136 | 34.35 | | | 1 00 |
| Macedonia.... | Calhoun | Pittsboro | G. W. Riley | J H Powell | 3 | 13 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 1 | | 101 | 50.00 | 300 | | 1 05 |
| Meridian..... | " | Loyd | J. F. McKibben | G B Kitto | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | | 2 | | 44 | | | | 30 |
| Mt. Comfort.. | " | Pittsboro | G. W. Riley | J O Rich | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | | 67 | 45.00 | | | 1 20 |
| Mt. Moriah.... | " | Bishop | A. J. Gaines | W J Crocker | 3 | 19 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | | 92 | | | | 85 |
| Mt. Tabor.... | " | Burke | S. E. Wallace | R H Cruthirds | 4 | 16 | 11 | 10 | 4 | | 1 | 105 | 40.00 | | | 1 65 |
| New Prospect. | Chicksaw | Bowles | J. R. Sumner | G H Hannaford | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 43 | 50.00 | 300 | | 70 |
| New Liberty.. | Calhoun | Hollis | J. H. Willis | S A Powell | 2 | 5 | | 8 | 3 | | | 100 | 18.00 | 150 | | 70 |
| Old Town.... | " | Pittsboro | S. E. Wallace | B J Hastings | 3 | 15 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | 53 | | | | 1 30 |
| Poplar Springs. | " | Reid | S. E. Wallace | W J Vance | 2 | 26 | 15 | | 1 | | | 140 | | 400 | 400 | 1 80 |
| Pittsboro ..... | " | Pittsboro | J A Kil'ngsworth | J L Johnson | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | | | | 41 | | 300 | | 1 00 |
| Pine Grove... | Yalobusha | Youngs | J. W. Trusty | G C Trusty | 1 | | 2 | 5 | | | | 63 | 50.00 | | | 1 00 |
| Pilgrims Rest.. | " | Pine Valley | J. D. House | J M Tate | 4 | | | 4 | | 1 | | 19 | | | | 45 |
| Pilgrims Rest... | Calhoun | Pitts | J. L. Roane | A. Brasher | 2 | 12 | 5 | | | | | 74 | | 300 | | 90 |
| Pleasant Grove | Chick'saw | Thorn | J. R. Sumner | S W P Lowry | 4 | 1 | | 2 | | | 1 | 52 | | | | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Ridge | Calhoun | Sarepta | J. L. Roberts | G B Shepherd | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | 74 | | | | 45 |
| Providence .. | " | Banner | D. F. Hoyle | A O Bryant | 4 | | | 1 | 2 | | | 61 | | | | 90 |
| Rocky Mount.. | " | Reid | J. F. McKibben | J W Patterson | 1 | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 92 | 24.75 | 300 | | 1 00 |
| Sarepta ..... | " | Sarepta | G. W. Riley | W H Reid | 1 | 8 | 1 | 7 | | 4 | | 64 | 40.00 | 200 | | 50 |
| Shirley Ridge | " | Ellzey | J. H. Willis | E L Vanlandingham | 1 | 13 | 3 | | | 2 | 1 | 52 | | | | 95 |
| Spring Creek.. | " | Banner | Lee Linder | E S Shaw | 4 | | 5 | 14 | | 3 | 2 | 129 | | 500 | 600 | 1 95 |
| Turkey Creek | " | Pine Valley | H. L. Johnson | W T Williams | 2 | 7 | 7 | 7 | | | | 121 | | | | 85 |

Total baptised 265; received by letter, 143; dismissed by letter, 158; restored, 26; excluded, 40; died, 18; total membership, 2798.